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Honorable Alan K. Campbell Director Office of Personnel Management Washington, D.C. 20415

Dear Scotty,

relative to the influence of the Civil Service Reform Act on our personnel practices. The extent to which the various provisions of the Act have influenced changes in CIA's personnel practices has been, to date, mostly in the area of the Senior Executive Service.

As I advised you on 5 October 1979, a Senior Intelligence Service (SIS) modeled after the Series The SIS is designed to was inaugurated within the Agency as of 1 October. provide, eventually, a total executive development and personnel management system through which we may effectively insure the perpetuation of a highly qualified corps of executives to carry on the Agency's work both in the present and for the future. As the SIS program was commenced less than three months ago, it is difficult to make any definitive and meaningful judgements It is doubthed I might add that I doubt that we will be able to make on its effectiveness. such assessments until after the first cycle of performance appraisals and awards evaluations have been completed, some one year hence. course, experiencing "growing" pains in such areas as the development of performance standards and awards criteria. However, our hopes are high that we will be able to establish suitable support systems to make SIS succeed asenvisioned:

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Principles and Prohibited Personnel Practices contents, for example, are;

and have been for many years, contained in our Agency regulations essentially as provided in the Act. In the area of Performance Appraisal, we have had an ongoing study for the past several years which resulted in what we believe to be a more refined and definitive tool for recording employee performance.

With some modifications to relate directly performance and pay (in the case of SES), we were able to utilize these efforts in the spirit of both Title II
Performance Appraisal and Title IV - SES. Also, we are applying the provisions of Title III - Staffing soncerned with dual pay limitations for retired members of the uniformed services and Title VIII - Grade and Pay Retention.

And, finally, we are now in the process of evaluating the provisions of Title V - Merit Pay for GS-13-15 Supervisors and Managers to determine if CIA should adapt similar features within its own appraisal and pay/awards program. It is our intention to draw heavily on the experiences of other

Departments and Agencies, including your own, in making such judgements. Here again, we have the automorphist to modify, next pay to our organizational reels and we may well find it our Staff has benefited from the various conferences held by OPM on

the features of the Civil Service Reform initiatives, and we are particularly appreciative of the assistance provided by individual representatives of OPM, particularly in the SES area.

As reflected in the above notes, CIA is strongly committed to the spirit and intent of the CSRA provisions.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Carlucci

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Harry,

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Per our conversation.

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The Honorable Alan K. Campbell Director, Office of Personnel Management Washington, DC 20415

Dear Scotty,

I am responding to your letter of December 14th to Stansfield Turner. Civil service reform has had a significant impact on our thinking as an organization.

First, the Senior Intelligence Service, which we implemented on 1 October 1979, is modeled after the Senior Executive Service even though it has some important differences from the SES.

Second, as a result of our deliberations on the Senior Intelligence Service, we have developed a much more ambitious executive development program and I have high expectations for it.

Third, although we had a reevaluation of our Fitness Reports under way, civil service reform gave added impetus to our work. We implemented a revised performance appraisal review in September which contains all of the elements that are part of performance appraisal in the civil service reform initiative.

Lastly, we are continuing with our study of merit pay. In this area, I think we can benefit from the experience of other agencies and we will be observing their implementation of merit pay in 1980. Here again, we have the autonomy to modify merit pay to our organizational needs and we may very well find it in our best interests to do so.

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Our staff has benefited from the various conferences held by OPM as we studied the civil service reform initiatives. OPM has been responsive to our needs and I appreciate your inquiry. Sincerely,

Frank C. Carlucci